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LOYALTY AND CHARACTER REPORT

Report on **KUSUDA, Paul (Haruo)** Date **September 18, 1943.**

Address **32-3-3, Manzanar, California.** Case No. **01522**

Paragraphs: 1. Scope of Investigation. 2. Identification. 3. Occupational Record (1937-1942). 4. Citizenship. 5. Loyalty. 6. Character and General Remarks. 7. Conclusions.

1. SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Contacts were made with the following informants: four references, knowing Subject from Feb. 1942 to the present, Feb. 1942 to the present, 1940-1943; and 1927-1940; one neighbor, 1937-1942; and two teachers, 1940-1942. Verified birth and education; Selective Service registration could not be verified. Checked local police and federal agencies' files available to this office. Inquiries covered residence in Los Angeles, California.

2. IDENTIFICATION: Description of Subject has been substantially confirmed as 5'3½" in height, 115 lbs., in weight; Subject is of Japanese extraction, is single. Subject has had two years of college education.

3. OCCUPATIONAL RECORD: Subject was graduated from Los Angeles High School in 1940, and attended Los Angeles City College until time of evacuation. He was also employed from June 1940 to September 1941 by the Three Star Produce Company, Los Angeles, as a truck driver.

4. CITIZENSHIP: Subject is a citizen of the United States. Subject's birth in Los Angeles, on Oct. 14, 1922 was confirmed.

5. LOYALTY: No derogatory information was revealed by a check of confidential files available to this office, except as noted in paragraph 6.

An informant who did not know Subject stated that the Three Star Produce Company by which Subject was employed part time was known to be a front for subversive activities. Subject was not employed by it, however, for a very long period of time, and the produce company was of considerable size, and owned by Japanese.

A neighbor who had known Subject since 1937 stated: "Subject and his father were good Americans, Subject spoke little Japanese, and I think it was unfair ever to have taken him away."

A friend who knew Subject for thirteen years until 1940 said: "I am not familiar with his viewpoint of the present war with Japan. But I have never heard him express any feelings against the United States."

A friend and teacher noted: "I have had every evidence of Paul Kasuda's integrity and loyalty to the institutions of this country. Against determined criticism, and even at the risk of violence during his residence at Manzanar, he was outspoken in loyalty to the United States and in opposition to the pro-Japanese group and the apathetic and discouraged individuals whose loyalty was not beyond question."

A friend for the last year and a half said: "In my opinion, he is a desirable citizen who could make a valuable contribution to American life."

Other comments were similar; those who could not, because of lack of sufficient contact with Subject, express an opinion, indicated that they had never had reason to doubt Subject's loyalty. Subject is reported to have volunteered for the Army but to have been rejected on physical grounds.

6. CHARACTER AND GENERAL REMARKS: Those contacted state that Subject is of good character. A neighbor reported that Subject reared two small children, but was not sure whether they were his or a relatives. He and his father are reported to have been very generous with the destitute of the neighborhood during the depression.

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7. SUMMARY: Not many informants could be located who knew Subject well, due to a complete change, with one exception, of residents in his former neighborhood. Those contacted appeared sincere.

8. FEDERAL AGENCY REPORTS: A federal agency reports that Three Star Produce Company, Subject's former employer, is in an organization file, but this file was not available to this office.

An examination of the available records of Governmental Subversive Investigative discloses the following: [ ] No Record. [ ] Not Identical. [ ] Nothing Derogatory. [X] Information as shown in Paragraph 8.

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